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METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the first Office action, Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please add new claims 19 and 20.

~~19. A floor joist retainer, for use in a concrete foundation formed by pouring concrete into forms, which comprises:~~

~~a floor joist retainer body having a front, sides, back, bottom, and a top, and configured to receive and support an end of a floor joist positioned within the floor joist retainer body through the front of the floor joist retainer body;~~

~~a retaining flange attached to the floor joist retainer body for engagement within the concrete foundation, the retaining flange being located closer to the back of the floor joist retainer body than the front of the floor joist retainer body; and~~

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